

Welcome to Back-to-School Night! I am excited and appreciate the opportunity to be your child's teacher this year! Our goal for kindergarten is to provide a positive experience for each child, build confidence as we go along, and make learning a lifelong joy. My hope is that as we work together, your child will be able to realize their full potential on many levels.

This first week of school will be an introduction to our daily schedule, classroom and playground rules, and making new friends. We will enjoy a "hands on" introduction to the Bible and our Character Studies, beginning with ATTENTIVENESS during September. The Bible verse we will focus on this week will be **Psalm 119:105**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." We'll also have some fun with the **GINGERBREAD MAN!**

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION—At the beginning of every school week I will be sending home a **PARENT LETTER** with pertinent information for the week in our class. The **MONDAY MEMO** from the office will also be sent home with general school information and sign up sheets for after school activities, etc. These will not only let you know exactly what we will be studying in class but will help you prepare your child for events, assignments or things they need to bring to school.

*****It is very important that you always read these communiques—questions are always welcome.**

Each week you will find the Parent Letter, Monday Memo and other information from the office on our school website at www.granadahillsbaptistschool.com.

FOLDERS—Each child will have 2 folders with inside cover pockets used as the transfer agent of papers, notes, etc. between school and home and back to school. Weekly Parent Letter, Monday Memo and homework will be sent home in the folder. Please see that the folder is returned daily in your child's backpack with completed homework assignments as well as signed, returned forms, etc. On Friday we usually send home all class work completed in class that week. Please go over the contents with your child and return the empty folder on Monday morning. It is important that we begin each week with an empty folder (aside from any notes ☺)

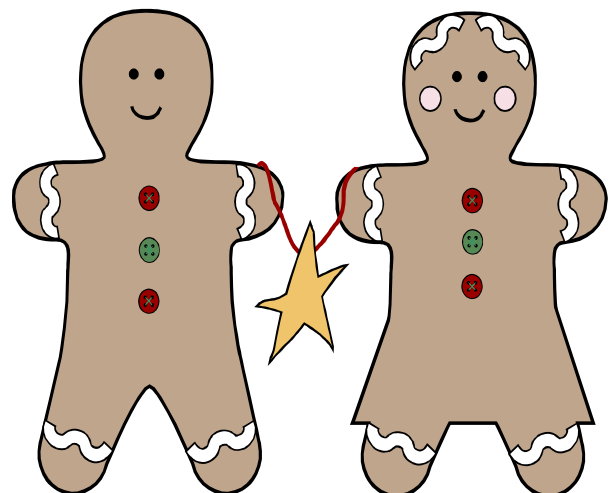
CURRICULUM—We will be using ABeka materials in phonics, writing and reading. For math we will be using Sadlier-Oxford's Progress in Mathematics. A special part of this curriculum is an on-line component which will enable parents & students to access interactive practice activities and further math enrichment to compliment our classroom studies. This part of the program is available at www.progressinmathematics.com/ca. Phonics (preparation for reading), writing, and key-boarding are taught the first semester. Our reading program and computer lab begins second term at the end of January.

REST—Each child will need to bring a small blanket or beach towel (no pillows) for rest time. This item must fit in your child's cubby space along with their lunch box.

IDENTIFICATION—Please make sure your child's name is on **ALL** items that come to school. This would include backpacks, lunch boxes, folders, & clothing items. Should an item be misplaced, please check the lost-&-found cabinet in the courtyard.

Let's make this a great year in Kindergarten!

I'm looking forward to working as a special team (parents, teacher and child) to accomplish great things together! Please feel free to stop by our classroom before or after school, e-mail me at mrswiseman@granadahillsbaptistschool.com or send a note if you have any questions or concerns.



 *Mrs. Wiseman*

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Room A Kindergarten Schedule

8:45 - 9:10	Flags, Daily business, Calendar
9:10 - 10:10	Phonics, Writing, Math Computer keyboarding (Tuesday & Thursday) Computer Lab—second semester (Friday) Reading Groups—second semester
10:10 – 10:30	Recess, Snack
10:30 – 11:00	Complete Math
11:00 – 12:00	Centers, Art, Clean-up
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 1:10	Rest (Story time / Music appreciation)
1:10 – 1:40	Math manipulatives & review Science, Art, Social Studies
1:40 – 2:00	Recess, Snack
2:00 – 3:00	Bible, Character Ed, Daily Review clean-up, singing, dismissal

*Tuesday & Thursday

12:45 – 1:20 Physical Education (P.E.)

*Wednesday

1:00 – 1:30 Spanish

*Friday

9:00 – 10:00 Chapel

10:45 – 11:15 Music

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Room A Rules

- 1 FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE GIVEN**
- 2 USE KIND WORDS**
- 3 KEEP HANDS, FEET AND OBJECTS
TO YOURSELF**

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

FOR STUDENTS WHO BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY

- Verbal praise
- Stickers
- Good note home
- Extra recess for a class reward
- Accumulated points for special class treat

NEGATIVE REINFORCEMENT

WHEN STUDENT CHOOSES NOT TO FOLLOW THE RULES

- Verbal warning.....3 times
- Name tagged, no sticker.....on green light
- Time out.....on yellow light
 - 1st time.....5 minutes recess on bench
 - 2nd time...10 minutes recess on bench
 - 3rd time...15 minutes recess on bench
- Send to Principal.....on red light
 - Students may be put directly on red light for severe behavior as determined by teacher

